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**GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF DISTANCE/ONLINE/CORRESPONDENCE
TOOLS FOR EDUCATION DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Adopted April 2, 2020

In light of the State of Emergency declared on March 10, 2020, the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters ("Boston") has voted to adopt the following guidelines for use by its approved educational providers in moving education to a distance/online/correspondence format to ensure minimal disruption to students.

Per the Board's vote, educational providers may use distance/online/correspondence formats for the provision of education so long as the following conditions are met:

1. The educational provider and curriculum is currently Board approved and in good standing.
2. The educational provider has sent an electronic communication to the Board office describing the format utilized for distance/online/correspondence education. This notice shall be sent to the following address:

larry.lemieux@mass.gov

3. Any program meeting the requirements of this policy shall be approved by the office, however, the office shall have the right, on demand, to request any materials used by the provider to ensure that provider meets all Board educational requirements.

Absent special Board action, this policy and any approval associated with it shall expire 90 days after the expiration of the state of emergency.

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